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Title: System and Method to Display and Manage Data within Hierarchies and  
Polyarchies of Information

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed  
below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the  
subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention  
entitled "System and Method to Display and Manage Data within Hierarchies and  
Polyarchies of Information," referenced above.

I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified  
specification, including the claims.

I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional  
Application 60/219,796, filed July 19, 2000.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the  
examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal  
Regulations, § 1.56(a).

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS: no applications for foreign patents or  
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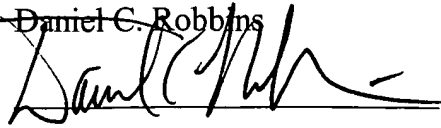
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